(d) the normal period within which such cases are cleared?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P THAKUR): (a) to (c) The proposal of Government of Tamil Nadu for opening a new medical college at Kanyakumari District has been referred to the Medical Council of India (MCI) for evaluation. The clearance of the proposal depends on fulfillment of qualifying criteria prescribed in the Regulations of MCI, availability of infrastructural facilities and recommendations of MCI. However, no other proposal from Tamil Nadu is pending with the Central Government.

(d) As per the provisions of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 as amended such proposals are to be decided within a period of one year.

Plan allocation for department of Family Welfare

1394. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether plan allocation for Department of Family Welfare was enhanced in the year 2000- 2001.

(b) if so, the details of achievements;

(c) the allocation for the year 2001-2002; and

(d) the success to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) The Plan allocation (B.E.) for 1999-2000 for the Department of Family Welfare was Rs. 2920 crore which was increased to Rs. 3120 crore at R.E. stage. Against this, the Plan allocation (B.E.) for 2000-2001 was Rs. 3520 crore which was reduced to Rs. 3200 crore at the R.E. stage. Thus, there was a marginal increase of Rs. 80 crore in the year 2000-2001. This was spent for implementing National Family Welfare Programme.

(c) and (d) The Plan allocation for the year 2001-02 is Rs. 4210 crore. This enhancement has been provided for:

i) revised rates of norms of rent, contingent expenditure etc. for all the infrastructure units created through out the country over past many years;

ii) revised rates of compensation for sterlization and I UD insertion;

iii) to implement National Maternity Benefit scheme transferred to this Department from Ministry of Rural Development;

iv) to meet the enhanced demand of contraceptives on account of prevailing unmet needs;

v) making full impact of the Reproductive and Child Health Programme which is in the 4th year *i.e.* the peak year of its implementation.

vi) to provide matching grants for externally aided projects.

Setting up of National Monitoring Committee on Pre-Natal Tests

1395. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a National Monitoring Committee on Pre-Natal Tests;

(b) if so, the objectives thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Government have set up a National Inspection and Monitoring Committee for ensuring compliance of the directions of the Supreme Court and for more effective implementation of the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 (PNDT Act) with the following terms of reference:-

(i) Visit vulnerable States-Districts as per the directions of the Central Supervisory Board and submit its report to the Board.

(ii) Inspection and monitoring of Information, Education & Communication (IEC) and social awareness activities being conducted in States and UTs. for implementation of the PNDT Act.

(iii) Inspection and monitoring of surveys of Genetic Clinics, Genetic Counselling centres, Genetic Laboratories and other bodies using ultrasound machine capable of detecting sex of foetus or pre-conception selection of sex from the level of Sub-District upwards in all States/ UTs.

(iv) Inspection and monitoring of registration of genetic Clinics, Genetic Counselling Centres, Genetic Laboratories and other bodies using ultrasound machine capable of detecting sex of foetus or pre-conception selection of sex with the Appropriate Authorities at the level of sub-district upwards.

(v) Monitoring of prosecutions launched against un-registered bodies and bodies violating provisions of the PNDT Act/Rules and Orders of Supreme Court.